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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07275.0030-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Karen E. Kimball et al.

Application No.: 10/038,579

Filed: January 8, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
AUTOMATIC LOAD-BALANCING
ON MULTISEGMENT DEVICES

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Group Art Unit: 2665

Examiner: A. Hsu

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 3, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$110.00 for the extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	84	-	77	7	x \$ 18	\$126.00
Indep.	8	-	7	1	x \$ 88	\$88.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$300	
					Subtotal	\$214.00
					Reduction by 1/2 if small entity	
					TOTAL	\$214.00

A check for \$324 to cover the one-month extension fee and extra claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: December 2, 2004

By: _____



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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2004, the period for response having been extended to December 3, 2004 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper and begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 3.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin on page 20.

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